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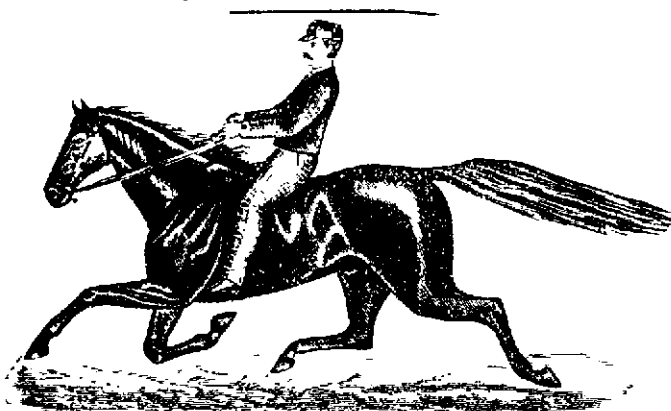
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We have just received a choice lot of Gents' Silk Smoking Jackets, in all the leading colors. Seal Caps, Fur Lined and Unlined Gloves and Mittens, in endless varieties. Black Silk Handkerchiefs, Black Suspenders, Black Silk Mittens and Half Hose, Black Four-in-Hand Ties, Black Dress Studs, Cuff Buttons, and all the Latest Novelties.

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Druggists.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

#### W. C. T. U.

The attendance last Thursday was large. Mrs. Butch, conducted the opening exercises. A number of the Y's assisted in the singing and added much to the interest. Mrs. Stafford was at her post as president. Mrs. Hill was absent owing to illness. Reports were presented by the financial secretary and several experienced ones.

The gospel meetings have been of an interesting and varied character, and the attendance unusually good.

The jail work is prospering. Members of both W. and V. unions attend the services held by the W. M. C. A., the young ladies serving as organists.

Three mothers' meetings have been held in the second ward, and others will follow soon. Literature on narcotics has been distributed.

Other departments will be reported at another time.

The society having been made an honorary member of the Industrial and Chautauque Union, Mrs. Stafford was chosen a delegate to that organization.

December 23d being the fifteenth anniversary of the Crusade, the W. C. T. U. will hold appropriate exercises on Sunday, the 23d.

#### Another Wail.

Anna, Ill., wants the Illinois Central to build a new depot there, one that will be ornamental as well as convenient. The *Tribune* says the road receives \$75,000 a year from that station.

#### LOVERS WILL GO VISITING.

"There, Kate, you've got to tell the dish cloth

Oh, what a naughty girl! Bringing me company to-day And things in such a whirl-- I'll have to put the churn off And stir a cake for you. I never knew that you'd fail-- I wonder who 'twill be!"

"Perhaps, Aunt Jane, the Farringtons." Spoke Kate, "or else the Greys." "Such folks don't go visiting," child. "These last summer days who ever heard this time of year, Of taking teams right out Of hayin', and of harvestin', To gullivant about?"

Then Aunt Jane went to beating eggs: While Kate, with eyes of brown, Looked down the road. Could it be Jack, Coming that day from town? The old brass knocker later on, Resounded through the hall, And Aunt Jane said "I told you so. That dish cloth's brought a call."

I'll just peek through the parlor blinds-- Wait Kate--let me see-- That city chap, I'm glad enough, It's nobody for me. Well, that's the way; all lovers will Go visiting when they please, But I do wish they'd stay at home In hurryin' times like these!"--Susan Todd Perry in Good Housekeeping.

#### National Flower.

No one can help being in some measure a partisan. Our characters and daily pursuits inevitably influence our decisions. A group of farmers were sitting about in Capt. Morse's store, discussing the events of the day.

The mail had just come in, and as Capt. Morse was postmaster as well as storekeeper, there was a great unfurling of papers, and much comment on the public "situation."

"Well, Morse, what do you think of all this talk about a national flower?" asked one.

"Hain't seen it," replied the captain, pricking up his ears.

"You don't say! Why, they want everybody to vote for a national flower, and when they've got on it, it's comin' into fashion and never goin' out."

"Sho!" said Capt. Morse. "Well, if they want to know which way to vote, I'm the man to tell 'em. If I do say it, what I don't know on the subject aint wuth knowin'!"

"You don't say!"

"Yes, sir, I do. Give me a first class Haxall every time, for riz bread and everything but pastry--and if you'll walk into the back of the store I'll show you a brand that aint to be beat."--Youths' Companion.

#### From General Pleasanton.

Messrs. J. & C. MAGUIRE, St. Louis, Mo.: I find your Benger Plant, an excellent remedy for complaints of the bowels such as Cholera, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, etc., and cheerfully commend it.

A. PLEASANTON, Major-General.

The most remarkable scheme ever introduced to bring cheap lots within the reach of people of moderate means has lately been inaugurated by Mr. E. A. Wilson, of Springfield. These lots lie adjacent to the city on the east, and are 40x132; are beautiful lots, and within four blocks of lots sold by Mr. Wilson at \$225. And yet he is selling these at \$80.00 \$25.00 cash, and fifty cents per week from July 6th for 155 weeks. dec2 ddt

JOHN YOUNG, at the REPUBLICAN office, is the Decatur agent for the Remington Standard Typewriter, the most perfect machine made, the favorite with all expert operators who desire quick work and perfect alignment. dlw

WOOD PUMPS, Chain Pumps, Iron Force Pumps, for sale at Spencer & Lehmans

W. A. COMBS' Restaurant.

#### Stage Gossip.

Patti will sing in Chicago to-night at the opening of the Auditorium. Operas are to be given for three weeks but Patti will sing but one night each week.

Miss Grace Filkins, who was here as *Dolly* with the Sol Smith Russell company the other evening, is about to shine forth as one of the leading lights in a dramatic stock company. It is a compliment to Miss Filkins that she has been selected by the management for so responsible a position. But it is well deserved; Miss Filkins is possessed of versatile talent. She has been with Mr. Russell several years and is well known to theater-goers.

Dunlap's *Stage News*: Every manager who values his prosperity ought to be careful in booking Milwaukee. It is now unquestionably the very worst town in America of its size, or for that matter, of half its size. Just think of a town where Nat Goodwin played in a whole week to less than \$800 and when Benjamin Thompson could not reach \$1000 in seven performances, and then take "The Pearl of Pekin," which has been doing big business everywhere this season. It reached Milwaukee week. They opened to \$300, Monday to \$224, Tuesday \$161, Wednesday \$94. Then they went to Dubuque and played to \$850, Marshalltown \$685, and Des Moines \$965. In other words, in one of these one night stands the company played to as much as in five performances in Milwaukee, including Sunday--Moral--avoid Milwaukee if you can.

#### The Christmas Club.

At a meeting of the members of the Christmas club held Saturday evening in the rooms of Mrs. C. A. Foster, the following committees were appointed to secure donations for the annual Christmas dinner for poor children: Meat, Edith Lytle, Kate Harwood, Gussie Gorin and Bertha Roach; Bread, Emma Cain, Lena Nelson and Edith Race; Butter, Mae Harwood, Lena Roberts and Anna Roberts; Coffee, Edith Roe, Milburn Hill and Willie Housum; Sugar, Flora Bradley and Kate Harwood; Cake, Flora Bradley, Grace Hutchinson, Lena Roberts, Dot and Abbie Durfee and Bonnie Bartholomew. Miss Carrie Guiswick, the treasurer, having resigned Miss Edith Durfee was appointed secretary and Erskine Guyton treasurer. A great deal of enthusiasm was displayed by the members at the meeting and it is the purpose of this club to serve a much better dinner Christmas than has ever before been spread in this city for the benefit of the poor children. Another meeting will be held next Saturday at 7 p. m. at Mrs. Foster's rooms.

#### The Queen of Fame Funds.

The receipts of the Queen of Fame entertainment amount to \$145.65, which, after deducting expenses, \$50.40, leaves a net profit of \$95.65. One half of this, \$47.82, goes to the Woman's Industrial Union, the balance to the Relief Department of the church. Thanks are returned to the ladies of the Baptist church, and to the generous public for all they have done to aid the causes championed by the union. The Industrial Union would like to get homes for the winter for two pretty little girls, aged 8 and 10 years, whose mother is a worthy widow, in anything but affluent circumstances.

#### Ballard's Snow Lintment.

This invaluable remedy is one that ought to be in every household. It will cure your Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sprains, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Frost-bitten Feet and Ears, Sore Throat and Sore Chest. If you have Lame Back it will cure it. It penetrates to the seat of the disease. It will cure Stiff Joints and contracted muscles after all other remedies have failed. Those who have been crippled for years have used Ballard's Snow Lintment and thrown away their crutches and been able to walk as well as ever. It will cure you, Price, 50 cents.

Sold by John A. Swearingen, Druggist.

Mr. E. A. Wilson, proprietor of the \$80 lot scheme at the state capital, refers to Mr. E. L. Martin, to whom he has sold 22 of his cheap lots. Mr. Martin knows a good thing when he sees it. For full particulars apply to him, or drop a line to E. A. Wilson, Springfield, or call him up, telephone 335. dec2 ddt



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Stamped Goods, Tidies, Scarfs, Splashes, Tray Cloths, Doylies and Painted Bolton Table Covers.

Linen Strims, Etching, Wash and Knitting Silks, Arasene, Ribbosene, Silk and Linen Floss, Rope Linen and Rope Silks, Chenille Appliques, Uncovered Pin-Cushions and Pin-Cushion Covers.

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MONDAY EVE., DEC. 9, 1889.

## LOCAL NEWS.

"PEARL OF PEKIN" to-night at the Grand.

CALL for the Grand Opera House 5-cent cigar.

J. W. ORANE preached last evening to a large congregation at Sargeant Chapel.

W. A. COMBS' Restaurant.

HOPES are now entertained that little Cora Bushert will recover.

WM. FERRIN, of Cochran, Ind., is a new tinner in the local Wabash shops.

THE Monitor Band will give a concert to-morrow evening in their hall on East Main street. Admission 10 cents.

JOSEPH MURPHY will present "The Donagh" at the Opera House to-morrow evening.

THE West End Whist Club will be entertained to-morrow afternoon by Misses Belle and Jessie Steele.

You will like and praise White Leaf flour. Try it.

VIOLA DUBBIN, the girl who was assaulted by Michael Phalen, Jr., at the Mrs. Davis place, has been taken to her home at Clinton. Her father came after her on Saturday.

THE finest line of the celebrated Candy Bro's Fruit Tablets can be had at O. N. Bramble's confectionery, 155 North Water street.

DUS, SIBLEY & WOOD have taken possession of their new rooms over J. Michl's cigar store.

THE Ionic Lodge, No. 315, A. F. and A. M. elect officers at their meeting this evening.

MATHEMATICAL GAME, both amusing and instructive, it teaches multiplication, addition and subtraction. For sale at J. E. Saxton's Book Store.

THE weather continues "open." Sunday morning the mercury was at 60, and this morning at 36 degrees. Frost this morning and bright sunlight after the fog.

DECATUR Nut Coal, double-screened, at \$1.50 per ton, delivered to any part of town.

THE city pocket-book is \$485 better off now than it was before the police made the raids on the gambling dens the other night.

If you want to get net choice, call up E. A. Wilson, Springfield, Ill., telephone 335, for one of his \$80.00 lots—\$2.50 cash, 50 cents a week. Now is the time.

THE appraisement of the stock of goods left by George F. Kessler, the suicide, was completed to-day by J. W. Ehrman, John P. Eckels and Harry Fisk. The appraisement is \$2,779.35. The papers have been placed in the hands of Albert Barnes, the public administrator.

It only costs \$1.50 per ton delivered at your door, that superb Decatur nut coal. Nov. 7-dtf.

CARMICHAEL will sell you home-made Christmas candies and genuine California fruits.

JAKE SAM is the name of the human giant with the "Pearl of Pekin" company. He is 7 feet, 4 inches tall and weighs 350 pounds. He is a guest at the Hotel Brunswick, where he is the observed of all observers, and where Mr. Curry will put two beds together and splice the sheets and quilts so he can give his tall guest sweet repose to-night. Sam's home is at Rochester, N. Y.

NO more useful Christmas present can be given than a Merritt Typewriter. \$15. Office in Library block on William street. dec5-daw10

SEE Den Chamberlain at his model gallery, when you want perfect photographs.

EDWARD BRAMBLE has a splendid residence lot 57.9x183 feet, on North Main street, high and dry, which can be had at a low figure. Call at 155 North Water. 6-d3t

THE Grand Opera House cigar is a general favorite. Try it. 23-dtf

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A SIX-YEAR-OLD SON of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Smith, who reside at 697 West North street, was assisting an older brother Saturday in shoveling some coal. The shovel in the hands of the older boy slipped and struck the little fellow on the fore finger of the right hand, almost completely severing the member from the hand. Dr. Catto treated the little fellow. It was necessary to take several stitches in order to hold the finger in place.

HALMA, the new popular game; it is taking like wild fire all over the country. For sale at J. E. Saxton's Book Store. dec7-d2w

You can get your choice of 200 different patterns of fresh goods at Mulready & Son's. 14-dtf

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## BEHIND THE BARS.

Grayson Caged at Last—Revelations by Tom Russell.

## GRAYSON IN JAIL.

Thomas Grayson, a young man past 25 years of age, who has given the Decatur police and other officers of the law more or less trouble, was put behind the bars in the county jail to-day noon by Marshal Mason on a charge of robbery. His prospects for a term in Joliet are bright. Grayson is the chap who first came to notice in Decatur when a telegram came from Nokomis, in Christian county, to have him arrested for burglary. The constable came after him and took him to Nokomis, but he got off without punishment. Again he came to Decatur and soon he was wanted once more, this time for enticing away a young girl at Puna. He was jailed, and the Puna marshal, Samuel Roseberry, took the prisoner back to face the music, but again did he escape the punishment he so richly deserved. These little experiences convinced Marshal Mason and the city police generally that Tom Grayson was a slick customer and quite naturally he was under police surveillance wherever he came to this city. While here last August he made the rounds of the saloons with a man named Edward Campbell, who had been to Texas, and perhaps thought he was capable of taking care of himself. But Grayson did him up by nipping his \$45 gold watch and leaving for parts unknown. Campbell complained to Mason, to whom was given a description of the stolen time piece. The owner of the watch thought he would never see the timer again, and he went off to Monticello. The marshal did his work quietly, and one day when George F. Kessler was alive, he stepped into the Prairie street cheap store, where he found that the watch had been pawned for \$8 by a party answering Grayson's description. Campbell was brought over from Monticello to identify the watch, which he did at sight, and then swore out a state warrant in Justice Hammer's court for the arrest of Grayson. The marshal wrote a number of letters, and soon learned that Grayson was a prisoner in the Montgomery county jail at Hillsboro, where he had been convicted on a charge of petit larceny and had been sent down for 20 days. His time expired Saturday, and Sunday afternoon Marshal Mason went after the prisoner. The officers and the people who have suffered by Grayson's crooked work will rejoice that he is now as good as sentenced for a term in the penitentiary.

## RUSSELL'S REVELATION.

Tom Russell, the pedestrian, and amateur detective who figured to some degree in the Zura Burns case some years ago, has made a revelation to Marshal Mason which is of special interest to at least two families residing near Macon. As has been heretofore stated, Russell is in the county jail at Monticello, together with a party named Latham, both implicated in a series of robberies committed at Bement, Mansfield and other points. They were arrested by Detective Ballard, of the Wabash, and to him Russell revealed the hiding places of various articles of value stolen by various thieves and secreted in Piquet, Logan, Champagne and Macon counties. One day Marshal Mason received a letter from Russell asking him to come over to Monticello and he would make some statements of interest. The marshal visited Russell last Friday, and the revelation made implicated Latham as one of the parties who had burglarized the homes of Mr. Frederick and William Martin, near Macon, during the progress of the district fair at Macon last fall. Frederick lost a suit of clothes and an overcoat. The clothes were found on the body of Latham, and Mason brought them to Decatur with him. Mr. Martin had a silk dress, a gold watch and chain, a pair of cuff buttons, earrings, and other jewelry stolen from his house. Russell told Mason where the silk dress was hidden beneath a corn-cob near the place of the robbery. Latham said the suit of clothes he had on when the robbery was committed was put under a shock of corn near Martin's house. He pretends that he had traded for the stolen clothes. Marshal Mason secured other points from Russell which may result in the discovery of property stolen recently from Decatur citizens. It appears that Tom Russell has been "in" with a gang of thieves in this section of the state for a period of years. Not long since he had a close call from being indicted for stealing a set of pool balls from Thomas Andrews' saloon. The whole set, worth about \$80, was taken one day, and Russell told Andrews he thought he could find them. Andrews finally, by advice of Mason, offered Russell \$10 reward, and two hours later Russell delivered the 15 balls to Andrews and received the money. It was subsequently learned that Russell was at the fair grounds the day the balls were stolen, and the day they were restored to the owner Mason was at the fair grounds and saw Russell there in company with another man. The balls had been hidden beneath the straw in one of the booths of the amphitheater, and Russell had no trouble in finding them after Andrews had been worked up to the point of offering the reward.

The grand jury was in session at the time of this incident, but the juryman failed to indict Russell because they believed him to be a crank. The officers

know him to be anything but a crank. He is as shrewd a chap as can be found in any jail, and is now making revelations in the hope of sharing in the rewards offered for the recovery of stolen property.

## A Toe Mashed.

William Davidson, an expert electrician in the employ of the Decatur Electric street railway company, met with a painful injury at the car house Saturday evening. A car wheel passed over one his great toes and it was badly mashed. Dr. Chenoweth attended him.

## Come Back to Stay.

John H. Frantz, who moved from Oakley township to Gage county, Nebraska, some four years ago, is back again, satisfied to stay. He reports that a farmer, whether he owns his farm or not, is better off in Macon county than in Nebraska. He does not represent it as a land flowing with milk and honey, but would be content to farm it here, even on the shares, which he proposes to do.

Inspecting the Electric Railway. Col. John C. Bell, Hon. Jacob Wheeler, alderman and ex-U.S. Marshal, and Hon. Lincoln Dubois, capitalist, of Springfield, were in the city to-day to inspect the working of the Thomson-Houston electric railway system in use by the Citizens' company. They met Senator Johns at the St. Nicholas hotel, and by the Senator they were introduced to Supt. Ferguson, of the Citizens' line. The gentlemen were shown over the road and they also had a look at the power house. They were very favorably impressed with the electric motive power and saw with their own eyes that the system is a booming success in Decatur.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

P. H. Brueck spent Sunday in St. Louis.

Z. T. Pope went to Bement this morning.

Miss Anna Johnson, of Bement, is in the city visiting Mrs. J. B. Bullard.

H. W. Waggoner went to Tuscola this morning.

Dr. S. H. Swain made a professional trip to Cerro Gordo to-day.

Mrs. Louis Bartholomew, on Bradford street, is dangerously ill with peritonitis.

Fred Norman went to Springfield this morning on business.

Miss Jose Nientker, of Blue Mound, is visiting Miss Emma Wiegand.

Miss Lon Rodgers, of Springfield, spent Sunday in this city.

Mrs. C. H. Scott is visiting with relatives in Springfield.

Mrs. Edwin Philbrook is the guest of Mrs. J. H. Crocker at Macon.

Mrs. J. E. Armsworth, of Chicago, is here to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Rust, on West Main street.

George H. Smith, of Adrian, Mich., has accepted a position here as dining car conductor on the Wabash system.

Dr. Wolgamuth, of Springfield, is in the city attending Miss Ella Race, who is quite ill at her home on North Water street.

Joseph Mills leaves Wednesday for Hot Springs, Ark. Miss Corinne Mills, who has been visiting at Salina, Kansas, will join him at St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Nebinger, of Springfield, arrived in the city last night, on their way to Sullivan to attend the funeral of their nephew.

John H. Goding, clerk in the office of Revenue Collector Wilcox at Springfield, was the guest of Dr. J. F. Reid in Decatur over Sunday.

Dr. W. A. Barnes and daughter, Miss Mollie, spent Sunday in St. Louis. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Knight.

Fred Tuttle accepted a position this morning as salesman at the furniture house of Harry Fisk. He has been in the employ of Comstock, Avery & Co. at Peoria.

Mrs. Jay Walter, of Sioux City, Iowa, who has been visiting Mrs. J. W. Hawthorth, departed for her home Saturday evening. Mrs. Walter was formerly Miss Lena Henkle.

Master Johnnie Whalen, the drum major of the Wilson minstrels, is only twelve years old and swings the baton with all the grace and dexterity of Barnum's \$10,000 champion, whose pupil he is said to have been.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hillman, of Peoria, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Shellabarger. They have been traveling in the East, and stopped off on their homeward trip to spend the holidays in this city.

## Charity Ball Postponed.

The charity ball advertised for this week has been postponed, owing to unavoidable delays. The time for the ball has not yet been fixed, but it is probable that it will take place between Christmas and New Years.

## Drawn for the Jury.

George Nebinger, of Decatur, has been drawn to serve as a member of the United States grand jury at Springfield in January. Harry Aldridge will serve on the petit jury.

## W. A. COMBS' Restaurant.

CHRISTMAS CARDS in endless variety, at J. H. Bevans' City Book Store. Special prices to those buying for classes or schools. 630-daw1w

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Fine Wines and Liquors, Table Dainties, and Decatur Brewing Co.'s Extra Fine Unpasteurized Bottled Beer, Vacuum and Cincinnati; also Pilsener Bottled Beer. Orders by mail promptly filled. Goods sold in any quantity, and delivered to any part of the city.

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WHAT better thing could you do for your boy or girl for a Christmas present than to get one of E. A. Wilson's \$80.00 lots in Springfield. \$2.50 cash, and 50 cents a week. dec2-dtf

Shooting Affray at Atwood. The town of Atwood on the I. D. & W. railway, 25 miles east of Decatur, had a shooting affray Saturday evening which will probably terminate fatally for Everett Thresher. It seems that James Fitzpatrick and Thresher had a grudge of two years standing. Saturday Thresher got drunk and went to Fitzpatrick's place and was crawling over a fence to get at him, when Fitzpatrick shot at him, the bullet passing through the neck of Thresher. It is believed that Thresher will die. Fitzpatrick is under arrest.

## The Net Proceeds.

The two splendid entertainments given at the A. M. E. Church last week by the White Juvenile Club of Spring Avenue for the benefit of the Antioch Baptist church, netted \$30.10, which sum W. H. Bramble has given to Rev. A. Ward, the Baptist pastor. The total receipts were \$37.10, and that portion not given Rev. Ward went to the African Methodist church and for actual incidental expenses.

## Amusements.

Musical and scenic treat to-night at the Grand, when the Rice & Dixey "Pearl of Pekin" will appear. There will be a big crowd out. The stage will be filled with 65 performers with Louis Harrison in the lead.

Mr. Joseph Murphy in "The Donagh" Irish drama will appear Tuesday night, December 10.

"The Two Johns" will appear before the footlights Wednesday night, December 11.

## LAUGHING GEORGE WILSON.

Friday night the portals of the elegant Grand will swing wide ajar and George Wilson, the great black face laugh-maker, with his great minstrel company of forty selected artists, will appear. Although George Wilson has been at the head of, and, one may say, the originator, of four of the largest minstrel companies ever in existence; he claims this one will eclipse anything with which he has ever been connected. If such is the case—and the preponderance of opinion expressed by our exchanges in favor of "Waltz Me Again," George, then be merite, and no doubt will receive a rushing, crushing house during his stay.

## Sales of Real Estate.

John Caffrey to C. W. Montgomery and F. H. Hall, deed to lot 14 of the assessor's subdivision of west half of southwest quarter of 14, 16, 2 east; also lots 1 and 2, block 1, Oglesby & Walt's addition—\$2500.

Edward L. Martin to H. H. Brown, deed to 40 acres in 9, 16, 3 east—\$2000. R. R. Montgomery and F. R. Shull to Charles H. Downey, deed to lot 5, block 5, M. & S.'s 2d addition—\$250.

## To the Public.

The new company which has bought John Hatfield & Son's interest in the Hatfield mills, take pleasure in announcing that they have secured the services as manager for the new firm, of William Bowers, who has been so long and so favorably known to this community, in connection with the milling interests of Decatur. They desire to state that they will spare no pains or expense, either in quality of stock, excellence of machinery or intelligent management, coupled with courteous treatments to obtain and keep a fair share of the trade in this line. Prices will be as low and quality of product as good as any other mill in the state. The highest cash price paid for grain. Soliciting your favors and guaranteeing satisfaction. We are very truly, THE HATFIELD MILLING CO.

## MARRIED.

By Rev. T. W. Pinkerton, on Sunday, December 8, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wentz, 1st North Howard street, Jacob G. Wentz and Miss Della N. Reynolds, both of Decatur.

By Rev. T. W. Pinkerton, on Sunday, December 8, on North Clayton street, Daniel E. Ferrell and Miss Frankie Keller, both of Decatur.

## DIED.

At Sullivan on Sunday, December 8, at 3 p. m. of diphtheria, George, son of Charles and Elv Ferguson, in the seventh year of his age.

The deceased was a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George Nebinger, this city. Another member of the Ferguson family, a girl three years old, is dangerously ill with diphtheria.

## J. E. Saxton's book store is headquarters

for teachers' bibles. He bought a very large stock for the holiday trade, but his prices were so low that he has had to duplicate his orders. A new lot just in of those beautiful India paper bibles. d72w

## Not Fools.

Notice some "ads." in recent issues of Decatur papers where our competitors say the people are fools because they (the people) trade with us. Such insinuations ought to be "sent down on" and will be. The people crowd our store and the verdict of the people is always right. They are not fools. FERRISS & LAPHAM. n19-dtf



## Exclusive Professional Attention to

## Adjustment of Spectacles,

Ophthalmoscopic Examination of Eyes from 8 to 12 a. m. and 1 to 5 p. m.

## OPERA GLASSES.

The second invoice of fine Lemaire Opera Glasses just received. See them while the stock is complete. Beautiful opera glass Handies at reduced prices.

DR. T. P. HUBBELL

Optical Institute, 239 N. Main St.

1889-1855-34

New Sugar Cured Hams.  
Boneless Breakfast Bacon.

Now is a good time to have your cans filled with PURE KETTLE RENDERED LARD.

## IMBODEN BROS.

\*I Don't Want the Earth This Year,\*

—SO CALL AT THE—

## "TEMPLE OF MUSIC"

And examine the Famous

## BRAUMULLER PIANOS,

A high grade Piano at a fair price; EQUAL TO ANY, SURPASSED BY NONE. Also the "Shubert Piano" acknowledged to be the HEAD OF ALL MODERN PRICED PIANOS.

The Finest and Best Made Organ in the world, The Lakeside, WARRANTED FOR 10 YEARS.

I will sell the above instruments at prices that will not scare you.

## Musical Instruments,

Of all kind, suitable for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, all sold at their actual value. NO FANCY PRICES. Call at any time and examine my Instruments.

## E. G. HODGE,

Temple of Music.

237 NORTH MAIN ST., DECATUR.

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FOR  
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## FLOBERT + RIFLE.

No. 121—With side extractor, polished blued barrels, 22 inches, rifled, weight 4½ lbs; price..... \$2 75

No. 122—22 calibre, rifled, Remington system, oiled walnut stock, pistol grip, checkered, 22-inch barrel, weight 5 lbs; price..... 4 50

No. 123—Same as No. 122, with extra heavy octagon barrel, 24 inches, weight 5½ lbs; price..... 5 00

No. 124—22 calibre, rifled, Warrant's action, oiled walnut stock, checkered, pistol grip, 22-inch octagon barrel, weight 5 lbs; price..... 5 50

No. 125—Same as No. 124, with extra heavy octagon barrel, 24 inches, weight 6½ lbs; price..... 6 00

No. 126—32 calibre solid breech block, Warrant action, rifled, pistol grip, 22 inch octagon barrel, weight 6½ lbs; price..... 7 50

This rifle is recommended for the safety of its action, force and accuracy of its shooting qualities.

NOTE—These prices include a box of cartridges and a brush cleaning rod with each rifle.

Job Lot of Cheap Breech and Muzzle-Loading SHOT GUNS.

SPECIAL PRICE TO THE TRADE.

H. MUELLER & SONS,

138 Merchant Street.

Nov 23 daw5w

G. W. POWERS'  
BIG SACRIFICE SHOE SALE.

We have \$40,000 worth of BOOTS, SHOES AND RUBBERS that we offer at a Sacrifice. All New and clean. Compare the prices we make with those you have formerly been paying:

Burt and Packard Fine Sewed Shoes.....	\$3.00	Frank White's all Calf Congress and Balmoral, \$2.50, now.....	\$1.50
Men's Paritan Calf \$5 shoe, 5 and 6 wide.....	2.50	Frank White, Buff Congress Scotch Edge, \$2.00, now.....	1.25
Men's Hand-Sewed Calf \$6 Shoe, 5 and 6 wide.....	3.50	Men's Calf, all Solid, worth \$2.75, Ladies' Reynolds Bros' Fine Calf Button, \$3.50, now.....	2 1/2
Men's Gesecke Calf Shamrock, 3-5 wide.....	1.95	Ladies' Fine Kid Button, \$2, now Ladies' Fine Kid Button, \$1.75, now Boys' Fine Shoes, Button and lace.....	1 1/2

## POWERS' SHOE STORE,

240 North Park Street.



1079 EAST ELDORADO ST.  
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# OTTENHEIMER & CO.

Men's Suits,  
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MEN'S CLOTHING, of Every  
Desirable Kind, can be had  
at our Establishment, at the  
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Decatur's Leading One-Price Clothiers, Hatters and Furnishers,  
135 EAST MAIN ST.  
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Every Monday, Mrs. Grundy  
Wished 'twas Sunday  
And right here you see the cause.  
When her basket  
Showed her task, it  
Looked too big for SANTA CLAUS.  
But her mutter,  
Changed to utter  
Happiness of highest  
grade.  
Buy it Try it  
None deny, it  
Is the best SOAP ever made.

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The Latest Musical Wonder of the Age,  
**THE CELEBRATED CALLIOPE,**  
To be GIVEN TO THE BOYS with Every  
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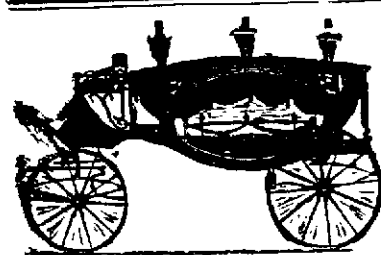
Of all the musical gems on earth,  
To which talent and genius ever gave birth,  
The credit is due, 'twixt you and me,  
To JOHN IRWIN'S WHITE FRONT CALLIOPE,  
As the old and the young, the rich and the poor,  
Can have one and learn it with pleasure for sure,  
For notes it emits in delicate strains,  
Delighting the soul and refreshing the brains.

Given Aay with Every Purchase of One Dollar or More  
**JOHN IRWIN'S WHITE FRONT.**

A More Wonderful Device Has Never been Discovered.

Since Orpheus first took a lesson to toot,  
On his Matchless soul-inspiring flute,  
And birds piped forth their songs of glee,  
Or the sigh of a zephyr was heard through a tree.

Big Reduction in Clothing This Week,  
At John Irwin's White Front,  
Post Office Block.



**P. PERL,**  
EMBALMER  
—AND—  
Funeral Director  
TABERNAULE BUILDING.  
TELEPHONE 53.

### THE HUMAN VOICE.

Some Incidents Which Go to Show Its  
Wonderful Influence Over Man.

It is said by those who are competent to judge that an Englishman's voice indicates almost infallibly the social standing of its possessor. Shakespeare calls a "soft, gentle and low" voice an "excellent thing in woman," and another observer, with a happy knack at phrasing, says, "A woman should never raise her voice above the singing of a kettle;" while another exclaims, "Let no one say it is a matter of indifference what song is sung by a child's cradle. It sounds through the whole life."

There was a great thrill in a story that went the rounds of the papers some years ago because of its truthfulness to nature. A brave New York fireman was climbing a ladder upon a blazing house, striving to reach a child who stood in the window of the fourth story. The smoke became so blinding and the heat so unendurable that the intrepid man wavered and paused.

A shudder ran through the crowd, till an inspired voice called out, "Cheer him!" Instantly the heavens were rent with a shout of passionate enthusiasm that bore the sinking fireman upward on its breath, and the fainting child was soon in its mother's arms.

We recall another instance. On the night of the ever to be deplored 15th of July, 1823, fire broke out in the venerated basilica of St. Paul in Rome. The terrified and lamenting populace gathered from all quarters around the sacred edifice, which had been filled from very early times with the most venerated religious relics, as well as with the richest treasures of art.

Paralyzed with fear and grief, the people stood in helpless awe, when a clarion voice rang out, "Save the arch, the gift of the Fifth to the Nineteenth century!" The cry acted like an inspiration upon the crowd; every arm felt the thrill, and the arch was saved.

A still familiar instance of the power of the voice over a crowd is perhaps that which occurred at the raising of an obelisk in Rome, many years ago. For a long time no one could be found willing to attempt the work, but at length an architect, Domenico Fontana, devised machinery by which to accomplish it. The risk was great. If the enterprise should miscarry, and the obelisk, partly raised, should fall to the earth, it might cause the death of hundreds, beside the destruction of the monument.

A huge crowd assembled to watch the operation. To prevent confusion, an edict had been issued forbidding any one, on pain of death, to speak, or even make any noise. The signals to work and rest were to be given by the sound of trumpets.

The silence of death reigned over the vast concourse as the first signal sounded, and the machines began to work, and the levers to creak and bend under the great pressure. The obelisk rose steadily, surely. At first easily; then with greater and greater difficulty, until it was within a few lines of the perpendicular.

Men and beasts exerted themselves to the utmost, but the cables refused to work farther. It was a moment of despair. All seemed lost, when a brave sailor boy, perched aloft, risked his life and all by calling out in the dead silence, "Wet the ropes!"

The word was an inspiration. The architect and master workmen saw it at once. As if the voice of the sailor boy had electrified them, they wet the ropes, which contracted, and the obelisk was raised to the upright position it has held ever since. It is needless to add that the prayers of the people procured the pardon of the sailor.—Youth's Companion.

A Bit of Skull for a Pocket Piece.

Thomas Sheridan, No. 61 Kinzie street: Yes, I carry a piece of my skull in my pocketbook. It is not with the idea that it will pass for currency of the realm, but rather to remind me how near a man may get to grim old death and yet make his escape. How do I happen to have it? Well, a little over two years ago I was a sailor on the schooner A. C. King, and one day while in dock at the foot of Market street the mate and myself were making fast the sheet ropes, when a heavy truss fell from the foreyard and caught me squarely on the head. I didn't see the truss fall, nor can I swear that it hit me, but that is what I was told when I recovered consciousness some weeks later. When the accident befell me I was taken to the Marine hospital, where the surgeons found they would have to remove a large portion of the skull in order to give me a show of life. They took out a piece seven inches long and from one-half to an inch in width. They filled in the hole with silver, and here I am telling about it and exhibiting a piece of my own skull. You see it is over an eighth of an inch in thickness, and about the size of a dime. Sometimes I feel a little dizzy while walking along the streets, but as a rule I am not much troubled. I am altogether unfitted for the occupation of a sailor, however, and will have to spend the balance of my life on land.—Chicago Tribune.

Electricity in Dentistry.

In the past decade dentistry, along with other arts and sciences, has made wonderful advances. Ten years ago such a thing as extracting or filling teeth by an electrical process was unknown, but now it is quite generally used. This method is considered infinitely superior in every way to that of using anesthetics. The latter has in many cases proved fatal to the patient, and from that fact are not regarded in a pleasant light. Whereas, electricity is perfectly harmless and can be used with safety even upon a child. In what is termed bridge work we have also made progressive strides, and a set of teeth can now be fitted to the mouth without the necessity of a plate being fitted or joined to the roof. The wonderful art of inserting an artificial porcelain crown to the teeth can be also regarded as a great idea, from the fact of its giving to the tooth a perfectly natural appearance.—Dentist in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

### A Safe Investment.

Is one which is guaranteed to bring you satisfactory results, or in case of failure a return of purchase price. On this safe plan you can buy from our advertised Druggist a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. It is guaranteed to bring relief in every case, when used for any affection of Throat, Lungs or Chest, such as Consumption, Inflammation of Lungs, Bronchitis, Asthma, Whooping Cough, Croup, etc., etc. It is pleasant and agreeable to taste, perfectly safe, and can always be depended upon. Trial bottles at Dr. A. J. Stoner's Drug Store.

Walter Hutchins's Shoe Store.

Our trade for the Fall and Winter season of 1890 has opened with a rush. The popularity Walter Hutchins has gained through the extra values continually given has brought an increased patronage. Our aim is strict, "Genuine goods, low prices, truthful representation." Our fine shoes for men, ladies, misses and children, are justly celebrated for style, finish and superior quality. They are fashionable, durable and comfortable. Made from selected stock they excel in being serviceable, easy to wear and handsome. Our fine shoes for ladies run from A to F in widths. We also have a first-class cutter on custom measures and guarantee a perfect fit. No matter how irregular the shape of foot, on work for crippled feet we have no equal; our success in this department is shown by the large increase in custom measures. Repairing a specialty. Look for Big Shoe in front of store.

WALTER HUTCHINS,  
117 North Water St.  
Nov 5-dawt

THE Bluegrass Shop will repair your carriage or wagon cheaper than elsewhere. Remember this. It repairs promptly done. March 3-dawt

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High Grade

Merino Union Suits

Winter Weight,

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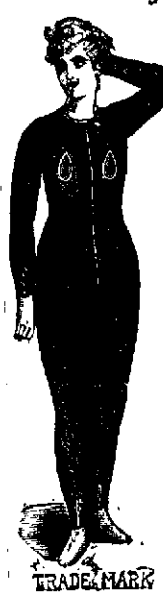
Imported Yarn,

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ALL SIZES.

These garments are brought out to fill a demand for a Union Garment at a Low Price, but made and finished in a first-class manner.

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AT THE POST OFFICE BOOK STORE.

Our stock is Larger this year and More Complete than ever, and Better Bargains in Every Department.

## PLUSH GOODS.

Toilet Cases, Perfume Cases, Jewel Caskets, Collar and Cuff Sets, Baby Sets, Manicure Sets, Work Boxes, Smokers' Sets, Gents' Shaving Sets, all bought at a Toilet Case, and we are selling them at astonishingly Low Prices.

## ALBUMS

In both PLUSH and LEATHER, and at Price to suit every one. BOX PAPERS, the most elegant line ever shown in this city.

## GIFT BOOKS.

This year they are perfect works of art, many of them filled with genuine Etchings and Prices more reasonable than ever.

## BOOKLETS.

These I have laid in by the thousands, and Sunday School teachers will find it to their interest to call and see them.

## BIBLES.

Teachers' Bibles, Gift Bibles, Family Bibles, BY FAR THE LARGEST STOCK IN THE CITY.

## Pictures.

Here is our specialty, and no one wishing a fine picture of any kind can afford to miss seeing the finest and largest stock of ETCHINGS, Steel Engravings, Artotypes, Pastels, etc., in the city.

Pictures Framed in Artistic Styles.

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Next Door to Post Office, Decatur, Ill.

## \* The Best Pianos and Organs \*

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## IVERS & POND PIANOS,

With the "Soft Stop," and the "New Style"

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No others can compare with them in Tone or Appearance. Don't buy before seeing them. PRICES WAY DOWN

## CHRISTMAS PRESENT,

See my Guitars, Banjos, Violins, all sizes, Music Folios, Rolls, Binders, Books and Sheet Music. Chicago houses may be larger, but their stock is not finer. Have just returned from selecting the finest Musical Merchandise in the market. It will pay you to call.

Pianos and Organs Sold on the Easy Payment System.

## + S. M. LUTZ, +

Post Office Block, Decatur, Ill.

Nov 15-d&w5w

# LET THE HEATHEN RAGE.

But the people will not imagine vain things. We are not here to see how we can please our competitors, have never been a member of any Shoe Dealers' Mutual Admiration society, and can't help it, and don't care if it hurts our competitors when we are closing out our stock to quit business, and are making prices which our competitors can't meet. The amount of affection which other shoe dealers have had for us has never been great, and the prices which we are now making makes them howl. We never before quoted such extraordinarily low prices as now and consequently the other shoe dealers of Decatur were never before quite so mad. They would call the people fools for taking the benefit of our marvelously low prices. But, the people who have to earn their money have sense enough to expend it where it will buy the most. So it is no use for other shoe dealers to howl; they can't divert the crowd from the great closing out sale of FERRISS & LAPHAM, where the prices quoted below prove the sincerity of the wish to go out of business.

## READ THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

	WORTH.	ONLY.	
Men's Hand Sewed Shoes,	\$5.00	\$3.00	Ladies' Hand Turned and hand welt shoes, finest and best, worth \$5.00, at 2.50
Men's Machine Sewed Shoes,	3.00	2.00	Ladies' Dongola Shoes, worth 3.00, at 2.00
Men's Machine sewed Shoes,	2.00	1.40	Ladies' Dongola Shoes, worth 2.50, at 1.75
Men's Machine sewed Shoes,	1.50	1.00	Ladies' Dongola Shoes, worth 2.00, at 1.25
Men's Heavy Boots,	2.00	1.50	Ladies' Dongola Shoes, worth 1.50, at 1.00
Men's Kip Boots,	3.00	2.00	Ladies' Rubbers, worth .40, at .25
Men's Veal Boots,	3.50	2.50	Ladies' Buckle Arctics, worth 1.25, at .75
Men's Calf Boots,	2.75	2.00	

## TREMENDOUS SLAUGHTER OF RUBBER GOODS.

Men's Buckle Arctics,	\$1.00	worth \$1.50	Miscellaneous Lot of Men's and Boys' Rubber Boots to close out. Men's formerly retailed at \$2.50, now only \$1.50
Men's Buckle Arctics,	.90	worth 1.25	Boys', formerly \$2.25, now only 1.00
Rubber Inst. Sandals,	.50	worth .75	
Rubbers, Self-Acting,	.50	worth .90	

## Come Quick! The Early Bird Catches the Worm.

## + FERRISS & LAPHAM, +

148 East Main St., Decatur.



# JOHN BLENZ & CO.,

650 East Eldorado Street,

We handle no Chicago or St. Louis meats, but will butcher ONLY MACON COUNTY STOCK, and will kill nothing but First-Class animals. We will sell as low as any dealer in Foreign meats, and if you doubt that ours is the most complete assortment of Meats in the city, CALL AND SEE US.

## PRICE LIST.

Until further notice our prices for Macon county beef will be as follows: Choice cuts, 10c per pound; roasts, 8c per pound; round steak, 8c per pound; chuck steak, 4 pounds for 25c; sausage, 8c per pound.

TELEPHONE NO. 245.

## John Blenz & Co.

Nov 11-dtf

## FIELD & WILSON, Plumbers, Steam & Gas Fitters.

Gas Fixtures, Globes, Iron and Lead Pipe,  
Bath Tubs, Pumps, Water Closets,  
Sinks, Glazed Sewer Pipe, Fire  
Clay, Flue Lining, Etc.

## JOBGING PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.

Personal Attention Given to All Work.

259 North Main Street, DECATUR, ILL.

May 13-dtf

TELEPHONE 76.

## A. O. BREWER,

Wholesale and Retail

## BAKER.

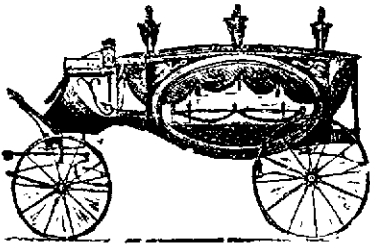
Fine Home-Made Bread, Pies and Cakes

211 NORTH MAIN ST.

## J. B. BULLARD, FUNERAL DIRECTOR.

Removed from the Old Square to his new  
apartment, 250 E. Main St., Decatur & West  
Main St. where every line pertaining  
to the highest style of the art. Calls night or  
day will receive prompt attention. In con-  
nection with a large stock of caskets, and  
a large receiving vault.

Residence 122 West William St. Residence  
phone 128. Office 125



## To the Stockholders of the Indian- apolis, Decatur & Western Railway Co.

In accordance with an order of the Board of  
Directors of the Indianapolis, Decatur & West-  
ern Railway Company, notice is hereby given  
that a meeting of the stockholders of said Rail-  
way Company will be held at the office of the  
company in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana,  
on Thursday, the 28th day of January, 1900, at 11  
o'clock a. m. to vote upon a proposition to con-  
solidate the property, franchises and capital  
stock of said company with the property, fran-  
chises and capital stock of the Decatur & West-  
ern Railway Company, a corporation organized  
under the laws of the State of Illinois.  
By order of the Board,  
THOMAS B. ATKINS, Secretary,  
November 25th, 1899.

## To the Stockholders of the Decatur & Western Railway Co.

In accordance with an order of the Board of  
Directors of the Decatur & Western Railway  
Company, notice is hereby given that a meeting  
of the stockholders of said company will be held  
at the office of the company in the City of In-  
dianapolis, Indiana, on Friday, the 31st day of  
January, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m. to vote upon a  
proposition to consolidate the property, fran-  
chises and capital stock of said company with the  
property, franchises and capital stock of the In-  
dianapolis, Decatur & Western Railway Com-  
pany, a corporation organized under the laws of  
the State of Illinois and Indiana, by order of  
the Board,  
THOMAS B. ATKINS, Secretary,  
November 25th, 1899.

## To the Stockholders of the Indian- apolis, Decatur & Western Railway Co.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the  
stockholders of the Indianapolis, Decatur & West-  
ern Railway Company, and the stockholders of the  
Decatur & Western Railway Company, may properly  
be held at the same time, will be held at the office  
of the company in the City of Indianapolis, In-  
diana, on Thursday, the 30th day of January, 1900,  
at 10 o'clock a. m. By order of the Board,  
THOMAS B. ATKINS, Secretary,  
November 25th, 1899.

## Dissolution Notice.

The firm of Sorgen & Son is this day dissolved  
by mutual consent, and all their assets and li-  
abilities transferred to the new firm of The  
Sorgen & Son, consisting of J. G. Sorgen,  
J. W. Sorgen and S. A. Anderson.  
J. G. SORGEN,  
J. W. SORGEN.

## Castalian Spring, Mississippi.

Only three miles from Durant, Mississipi, on  
the Southern Division of the Illinois Central  
Railroad, is a most beautiful Health and Winter  
Resort. Here many southern invalids spend the  
summer months with great benefit and pleasure.  
The medicinal properties of this wonderful  
spring are said to be equal to any on the con-  
tinent, and it is proposed to keep the large hotel  
open this winter, with a view to accommodating  
those from the north, in poor health, who need  
the benefit of such waters. For full particulars  
apply to the undersigned at Manchester, Iowa,  
and receive a copy of a pamphlet entitled "Cas-  
talian Spring."  
J. F. MERRY,  
Asst. Gen'l. Pass. Agent.

## McComb City, Mississippi.

Is the point on the Illinois Central R. R. where  
the company shops are located. Land cheap,  
water good, country quite rolling, delightful  
climate, beautiful location for northern people.  
Write Hon. Huber Craft, McComb City, Missis-  
sippi, for information concerning lands, and the  
undersigned, at Manchester, Iowa, for copy of  
"Farmers' and Fruit Growers' Guide in McComb  
City," and "Southern Horse Seekers' Guide,"  
and for rates to any southern point.  
J. F. MERRY,  
Asst. Gen'l. Pass. Agent.

## Brookhaven, Mississippi.

Among the many points on the line of the  
Illinois Central Railroad, in the State of Missis-  
sippi, especially adapted to the wants of  
northern people looking for southern homes,  
none are more attractive than Brookhaven.  
For full particulars write N. S. Craig, Brook-  
haven, and for rates apply to the undersigned  
at Manchester, Iowa.  
J. F. MERRY,  
Asst. Gen'l. Pass. Agent.

## The Illinois Central Co. is now run- ning elegant reclining chair cars on their trains Nos. 3 and 4 between Dubuque and Centralia, leaving Decatur for Du- buque at 12:41 midnight, and for Cen- tral at 10:20 a. m.

24-dtf

TELEPHONE 100 for the D. A. Maffit  
crystal ice, delivered promptly to any  
part of the city at ruling prices. Any  
orders left for Maffit ice at F. D. Cald-  
well's office will receive immediate atten-  
tion. His telephone number is 26.  
may-4-dtf

## "First Love."

One of the most terrible tragedies in  
modern life was that of a young man,  
poet, who, when a foolish, sensitive  
young man, met and married a middle  
aged woman of great beauty, but un-  
suited to be his wife, not only by her  
age, but by the difference between her  
tastes and his character and his.

The sequel was a life for him of  
hopeless misery, ending in a wretched  
death.

It is right that the young men and  
women for whom The Companion  
aims to be a faithful friend should un-  
derstand the full significance of such  
a story. How many of them, when  
sincerely past childhood, have formed  
foolish attachments for unworthy or  
unhappy objects, and are now  
wretched because of their fear that  
these attachments and their own de-  
spair must last as long as life?

Some plants, on first emerging from  
the ground, put forth two leaves,  
rank, coarse and unsightly, wholly  
different from the delicate and beau-  
tiful foliage which they develop after-  
ward.

A botanist, on being asked the mean-  
ing of this phenomenon, replied, "It  
is merely an outbreak of strength, as  
purposeless as the plunge of a colt or  
the shrill cries of a young bird before  
it has learned to sing."

Whether this be true or not, it is cer-  
tain that the young human plant is  
apt to put forth rank growths of affec-  
tion in the vigor of its new and un-  
tried life which do not belong to its  
real nature of after development.  
School girls fancy themselves "in  
love" with vulgar men whom they  
scarcely know, college boys think  
they have found their mates for life in  
women far beyond them in years and  
far behind them in education. They  
believe this devotion on their part will  
be eternal.

It is but the unwholesome fog of the  
morning, that will vanish before the  
sunshine of the pure love which is  
God's highest blessing on earth to wo-  
man or to man.

The Companion speaks plainly, be-  
cause this subject is one of which all  
readers think, secretly or openly, and  
because these false, unnatural attach-  
ments in early years have wrecked  
myriads of fair young lives.—Youth's  
Companion.

## The London Zoo.

In 1876 the present magnificent  
building known as the lion house was  
completed, and the lions and tigers  
were transferred to it. This is one of  
the finest and best arranged houses  
that have ever been constructed for  
the use of wild animals that come  
from a warm climate. The general  
temperature of the building can be  
maintained at a height suited to the  
requirements of the animals, while  
the warmth can be increased, if neces-  
sary, in their sleeping compartments.

There is an admirable arrangement  
by which the wild beasts can be let  
out into the large open framed cages  
on the north side of the building.  
Through the passage behind the dens  
there runs a raised tramway, along  
which an iron case or box, with doors  
at each end of it, can travel so as to  
form a tunnel over the passage, to en-  
able any animal to pass from its ordi-  
nary den into the open compartment  
outside. This tunnel case can be  
moved along the tramway from den  
to den as occasion requires.

The chief difficulty lies in giving a  
lion or tiger his first lesson in the use  
of the tunnel. At first he fears a trap  
or some unknown danger; but when  
he has at last quietly stolen out into  
the open air, which seems to provide  
a chance of escape, though he may  
find his expectation of escaping frus-  
trated, he soon learns the pleasure of  
the greater liberty and space afforded  
him, and he rolls on the ground in  
happiness, or stretches himself up  
against a tree, on which he cleans and  
sharpens his claws. He may some-  
times be seen intently staring at some  
distant object. He has caught sight  
of a deer or an eagle, and his natural  
love of the chase revives, though he  
takes little notice of the numerous hu-  
man beings surrounding the cage.—  
British Quarterly.

## Another Kind of Rat.

The Lewiston (Me.) Journal tells a  
story about a West Minot farmer who,  
to save a choice barrel of apples in his  
cellar from the depredation of rats,  
as he supposed, set two traps in the  
barrel. It appears, however, that it  
was a female member of his family  
who had a fondness for the fruit.  
Happening in the cellar the morning  
after the farmer had set the traps, she  
started to help herself as usual. Im-  
agine her surprise. On putting her  
hand in the barrel she found herself  
caught in a steel trap. In her attempts  
to free her hand she put the other one  
in the barrel, and, as luck would have  
it, put it directly into the jaws of the  
other trap, thus getting both hands  
caught. As there was no one in the  
house at the time, her cries for help  
were not heard for some time. When  
at last the lady had nearly fainted  
with pain.

## A Business Man's Mistake.

Stranger (who has yelled himself  
hoarse over Jinks' telephone without  
getting any reply)—See here, I can't  
do anything with this telephone.

Jinks (with an air of innocence)—  
Did you wish to speak to any one, sir?

"Certainly."

"Oh! It has been disconnected for  
about a month."

"Disconnected? You didn't say any-  
thing about it."

"I thought everybody knew we had  
disconnected our telephone on ac-  
count of the bores. I didn't know you  
wished to talk to any one, sir. I sup-  
posed you merely desired to exercise  
your lungs."—New York Weekly.

## Can't Most Always Tell.

The scheme to lay bare the bed of  
Feather river, California, for a dis-  
tance of thirteen and one-half miles,  
was indorsed by every old miner in  
the land. It was believed that at  
least \$50,000,000 could be mined out  
of the channel, but less than \$5,000  
was the result of four years' labor and  
the outlay of a million dollars.—Det-  
roit Free Press.

## Young Philosopher.

A Lewiston little boy declared a  
philosophic independence and accepted  
the consequences in so matter of fact  
a way last week that it may make a  
story even if it is not so funny. His  
mother dressed him up in a new flannel  
shirt Friday and sent him to school.  
The shirt irritated his cuticle,  
or in other words he itched. When he  
came home that night he was cross,  
and very cross for so small a boy, and  
he declared he and the flannel had  
parted company forever.

The next morning, as his mother  
prepared to dress him for school the  
boy drew the line at the shirt. "No,"  
said he, "I don't want to wear that  
shirt." A brief debate ensued, in  
which the boy appeared to have  
formed his opinion and to have de-  
cided to stick to it. The question when  
put to the house was carried by the  
boy who would not don the shirt. "If  
you will not wear it," said his mother,  
"I shall send you back to bed." Back  
to bed he went. He got no dinner.

Afternoon came. A neighbor went in  
to see him, his mother telling her that  
she had a bad boy upstairs. The boy  
lay there in bed, wide awake, his little  
cheeks flushed with the situation, but  
showing no sign of change of heart.  
"Don't you want to go to school?"  
asked the neighbor. "School," was  
the reply. "I shall never go to school  
again." "Don't you want to?" "Yes,  
but I can't. I've got to stay here."

"All your life?" "Yes," was the  
reply, "all my life. I shan't ever get  
up again, prob'ly." What could a  
mother's heart do against so philo-  
sophic an acceptance of the termination  
of a life career as this? What but  
kiss him at tea time, and go down and  
buy the little bunch of pluck some  
downy little undershirts that should  
never tickle him even once!—Lewiston  
Journal.

## A Reward of Merit.

While Tiberius was luxuriating at  
Capree, an artist, who labored under  
the emperor's displeasure, discovered  
the composition of malleable glass,  
and making a vase of the most ex-  
quisite beauty, the secret of whose  
construction was known only to himself,  
he begged leave to present it. The  
emperor stood with his count about  
him, and when he had returned the  
vase, which had excited universal  
wonder, the artist, to every one's con-  
sternation, threw it violently on the  
earth. The first emotion in the circle  
must have been that the man was  
mad, the next that the vase was in  
splinters; to every one's surprise, it  
was simply a little dented on one side,  
and the artist with a few slight taps of  
his hammer restored it at once to its  
original shape. The emperor, think-  
ing that an art which could do so  
much with common sand and a few  
other equally common materials  
would naturally diminish the value of  
gold and silver and brass, instantly  
ordered the artist to execution.—Har-  
per's Bazar.

## Disposing of the Surplus.

Blinkins, Pere (reading from his pa-  
per)—I see they have a choir of sin-  
pled girls in a Brooklyn church.

Blinkins, Mere (slightly deaf)—Isn't  
that nice! I knew they'd find some-  
thing for the surplus girls to do.—  
Pittsburg Bulletin.

## Merit Wins.

We desire to say to our citizens, that  
for years we have been selling Dr. King's  
New Discovery for Consumption, Dr.  
King's New Life Pills, Bucklen's Arnica  
Salve and Electric Bitters, and have  
never handled remedies that sell as well,  
or that have given such universal satis-  
faction. We do not hesitate to guarantee  
them every time, and we stand ready to  
refund the purchase price, if satisfactory  
results do not follow their use. These  
remedies have won their great popularity  
purely on their merits. For sale at  
Dr. A. J. Stoner's Drug Store. au

## Morgan's Bazar.

It is the most popular bazaar store in  
Decatur and is located at the Big 13,  
Merchant street. It is thronged with  
visitors who are attracted there by the  
immense assortment of holiday and wed-  
ding goods—finest in the city—pictures  
in beautiful frames, rugs, work tables,  
tinware, chinaware, glassware, lamps,  
cutlery, plush albums, jewel boxes,  
clothes racks, etc., etc.; in fact you will  
find everything wanted for the home at  
Morgan's Bazar, at prices amazingly low.  
Call at once. nov7-d&wtf

## Thanks.

We are truly thankful to our kind com-  
petitors for helping to advertise our  
closing out sale. They are aroused by  
the fact that we are selling goods better than  
theirs at less money than they can buy  
them for. FERRISS & LAPHAM.  
n19-dtf

## Holiday Excursions.

On December 24th, 25th and 31st, also on Jan-  
uary 1st, the I. C. R. E. will sell excursion tick-  
ets from Decatur to all points on their line,  
within a distance of 200 miles, at 1/5 fare for the  
round trip. All tickets will be good to return  
until January 3d. C. O. JENSON,  
Gen'l Agent.

## Consumption.

Ballard's Horehound Syrup.  
No single disease has played such sad havoc with  
the human race as Consumption. Its early symptoms are  
ignored because it is thought only a Cold or Cough  
which is neglected until this grim monster has  
such a hold that nothing but death can relieve it.  
Ballard's Horehound Syrup has removed the grip of  
this grim monster from many a throat. If taken in  
time it will effect a permanent cure, and in the worst  
cases it will give surprising relief. Try it soothing  
and healing virtues. Do not put it off until too late.  
Sold by John A. Swearingen, Druggist.

## Decatur Steam Bakery Broad.

From this date on the celebrated Decatur  
Steam Bakery bread will be on sale  
at the bakery in Library Block.  
Nov19-dtf

Come and see our buggies, surreys,  
phaetons, spring wagons and road carts—  
the best made and cheapest in town.

THE SPENCER AND LEHMAN CO.,  
South Main and Wood Sts.  
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HENRY BROS. make the largest loaves  
of home made bread of any in the city.  
bread delivered promptly anywhere it is  
desired. nov23-dtf

The Old Reliable reter Sauttler and  
Moline Wagons for sale by Spencer &  
Lehman. nov5-dawtf

The Bluegrass Shop will make you low  
figures on vehicle work. apr 16-dtf

## A Verdict of 31 Years.

For thirty-one years the public have  
been using the well-known brands of  
flour manufactured by the Shellabarger  
Mills, and as evidence of their popularity  
the capacity of our mills has been in-  
creased from the little 50-barrel mill to  
our present 800 barrels full roller pro-  
cess mill, and our trade exceeds that of  
any mill in this state. This certainly  
proves that our flour still takes the lead.  
In the year 1879 we changed our mills  
from the burr system to the roller pro-  
cess, (being the first mill in the state to  
use rolls on winter wheat) and at the  
same time changed our brands, WHITE  
WHEAT and XXXX, to the popular and  
well-known WHITE LOAF and DAILY  
BREAD brands. Since the change in our  
system and brands our competitors have  
been using every means possible to dupli-  
cate both our flour and brands. They find it  
impossible to do so, but in some instances  
have deceived the public by the similarity  
between their brands and ours—for at a  
glance one would see no difference be-  
tween the brands, because the name, de-  
sign and color are similar to our WHITE  
LOAF and DAILY BREAD brands. Yet the  
quality of flour will tell and the public  
will soon discover the difference. We  
would caution the public in reference to  
this, and to see that every sack has either  
WHITE LOAF or DAILY BREAD branded  
on same and the full firm name. Thank-  
ing the public for the substantial evi-  
dence of their verdict as to the quality of  
our flour, we are  
Very truly yours,  
SHELLABARGER MILL & ELEVATOR CO.  
nov23-dtf

# KIRK'S AMERICAN FAMILY SOAP.

## Administrator's Notice.

Estate of William N. White, Deceased.  
The undersigned having been appointed Ad-  
ministrator of the estate of William N. White  
deceased, hereby gives notice that he will ap-  
pear before the County Court of Macon county,  
at the court house in Decatur, at the January  
term, on the first Monday in January next, at  
which time all persons having claims against  
said estate are notified and requested to attend  
for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All  
persons indebted to said estate are requested to  
make immediate payment to the undersigned.  
Dated this 8th day of November, 1899.  
CHARLES M. CALDWELL,  
Administrator.  
nov4-d3w

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# HOW IS THIS?

Why Not Save Money When  
You Can?

## \* A Penny Saved Is a Penny Earned. \*

What we eat costs us more money than any other of  
our wants, and especially is this true if we do not seize  
every opportunity to buy where we can do so to the best  
advantage. Logan & Beik are the pioneers of Low  
Prices in groceries, and those who have patronized  
them know how well the claim is based. What is the  
sense in paying high prices when you can buy the same  
goods for less money? They refer to the following  
price list to show that they are not indulging in windy  
bragging when they claim to sell goods at lower prices  
than their competitors, and a simple trial will convince  
the most skeptical that their goods are all that can be  
desired:

SUGARS.		HAMS.	
Granulated Sugar, 12 1/2 lbs for....	\$ 1 00	Kings Hams, per lb.....	12 1/2c
A Sugar, 13 lbs for.....	1 00	California Hams, per lb.....	7 1/2c
14 lbs White Extra C Sugar.....	1 00	Breakfast Bacon.....	12 1/2c
15 lbs C Sugar.....	1 00	Heavy Bacon.....	10c
Good Syrup, per gallon.....	40	Best Lard, per lb.....	10c
FLOUR.		Chipped Dried Beef.....	20c
Best roller process flour, per sack, 50 lbs.....	\$1 05	Miscellaneous.	
Coffee Packages		Best Coal Oil, per gallon.....	15c
XXXX.....	25c	Best Vinegar, per gallon.....	20c
Arbutles.....	25c	New Raisins, new.....	10c
Lion.....	25c	Fancy French Prunes.....	8 1/2c
Queen B.....	25c	Sardines, 7c, or 4 for.....	25c
Bonola.....	25c	Canned Peaches in syrup.....	20c
Good Coffee in bulk.....	22c	Canned Blackberries.....	8 1/2c
TEAS.		Canned Corn.....	8 1/2c
Japan.....	15c to 50c	Baking Powder, in pound cans.....	15c
Imperial, (best).....	50c	Baking Powder, in bulk.....	15c
Y. H.....	35c to 50c	Mackerel, in pound cans.....	10c
Japan Tea, in 1 lb cans, at.....	40c	Star Tobacco.....	45c
SOAPS.		Climax Tobacco.....	45c
8 bars Logan & Beik's.....	25c	Big 4 Tobacco.....	30c
7 bars Lantz Bros'.....	25c	Horse Shoe Tobacco, per pound.....	45c
6 " Lenox soap.....	25c	Lemons, per dozen.....	25c
		Brooms.....	10c

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## THE SILVER QUESTION

The Director of the Mint on Secretary Windom's Measure.

### WHICH IS EXPLAINED AND DEFENDED

The Opposition of One Set of Extremists as Opposed to the Other—Central Celebration of the Inauguration of Congress

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There is a large volume of currency in circulation, and it is a measure of extreme expediency. It is a measure of extreme expediency, and it is a measure of extreme expediency.

Director Leach believes that the plan will work, and that it will be a measure of extreme expediency. It is a measure of extreme expediency, and it is a measure of extreme expediency.

Congressional Forecast. The attention of both Houses of Congress this week will be centered on the centennial celebration of the inauguration of the American Congress.

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## DISASTROUS FLAMES

Burning of the National Line Steamship Company's Dock

### FOUR MEN KILLED AND MANY INJURED.

Only One Person Out of Two Hundred Employed on the Pier Unaccounted For—The Loss and Insurance

New York, Dec. 8.—The National Line Steamship Company's dock at Pier 59, North River took fire at half past one o'clock yesterday afternoon, and burned nearly to the water's edge. At least four dead and blackened bodies were taken from the ruins. Many more people were badly burned, some of whom are likely to die. It was the most disastrous fire on the river front in some time. For two hours the fire resisted the efforts of the entire force of engines below Fourteenth street, and seriously injured the adjacent piers.

The ship Holland belonging to the National Line Company lay in her berth at the north side of the pier when the fire was discovered. By quick work she was removed from her dangerous position and towed to the Jersey side. Exactly how the fire occurred is a mystery, but the officials of the company think that it was due to spontaneous combustion among a lot of cotton on the pier. The spread of the fire before it was discovered and the confidence of the dock laborers that they could extinguish it without the aid of outside apparatus gave the flames a tremendous headway. Before the men were really aware of the danger the westerly end of the dock was a burning mass and such of the laborers as escaped had to flee for their lives. It was then that most of them were injured. Those who did not escape at that time were overpowered by the smoke and fell senseless and dying in their tracks.

Three alarms were turned in finally, and the fire boats summoned. After strenuous efforts on the part of the firemen the flames were subdued at half past four o'clock, and the bodies of the four victims were conveyed to the morgue. The excitement of the crowd that surrounded the place had some what abated. One young woman, however, made several attempts to enter the ruins in search of her brother Willie Barry. For half an hour the attention of the spectators was divided between her and the policeman who were on duty to soothe her. Finally she was approached by a man in a checked jacket who told her the boy was all right. She accepted his assurance with a look of relief and went away.

The complete list of those killed and injured is as follows:

KILLED

James Barry (white) watchman fifty years old.

Richard Johnson (colored), foreman forty five years old married.

George Booker (colored) longshoreman.

James Whalen (white) carpenter.

INJURED

John Hopson (colored), longshoreman married badly burned condition precarious.

Samuel Dugg (colored) seventy years old longshoreman married seriously burned.

Frank Williams (white) forty nine years old upender badly burned, but will recover.

Hill's kipp (white) clerk severely burned will recover.

Gilbert Turner (colored) twenty two years old longshoreman burned and cut will recover.

John Hottling (white) fifty years old engineer burned about face will recover.

Robert Waller (white) twenty six years old fireman overcome by smoke will recover.

Besides the above persons who were taken to St. Vincent's Hospital there were half a dozen or so who were slightly burned about the face and hands. Among these were several firemen. There is only one person unaccounted for out of the two hundred employed on the pier—the elevator boy James McIntire. It is thought however, that he got out all right and went to his home.

The loss will exceed \$350,000, well insured.

Captain Murrell's Eyesight Failing.

BALTIMORE, Md. Dec. 9.—It is now feared by the friends of Captain Murrell of the steamship Missouri that he may lose the sight of both of his eyes. He will certainly, they say, be blind in one eye. The captain is now in Philadelphia undergoing treatment. The trouble grew out of a long vigil in a fog on his last trip from Liverpool. The optic nerve of the left eye being strained. The steamer Missouri sailed from Baltimore last week on her return trip to Liverpool without her captain. Captain Murrell is the man who rescued the hundreds of passengers from the sinking steamer Danmark in mid ocean last spring.

A Terrible Collision.

DETROIT, Mich. Dec. 9.—Another terrible collision occurred Saturday night on the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City road. Two heavy freight trains ran into each other, totally wrecking both. About twenty cars and both engines were demolished. Fortunately the trainmen jumped in time to save themselves. The accident took place five miles from this city and near the scene of the fatal collision last Thursday on the same road.

Burned in the Chesapeake.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8.—The Inquirer's Laurel (Del.) special says that an unknown steamer was burned in the Chesapeake last night at a point twenty-five miles off shore. The vessel was a side-wheeler. Positive information is unobtainable, but it is said that the crew was saved.

## GERMAN GRATITUDE.

The Hero Stanley Blamed for the Accident to Emin Pasha.

### AND UNWORTHY MOTIVES ATTRIBUTED

The Brazilian Revolt—Banishment of Moussa Bey—Another Danger Threatening Egypt—Emin Improving but Still in Danger, Etc., Etc.

Germany. UNWORTHY SUSPICIONS. LONDON, Dec. 8.—The German press are unanimous in throwing upon Stanley the blame for the accident to Emin Pasha and some of them go so far as to hint that the Pasha's death would not be an unwelcome event to some persons whose desire to reap the sole benefit of the full honor of the journey from Emin's camp to Bismarck would brook no ordinary impediment. It is said by one journal that the fact that Emin rescued Stanley instead of the latter rescuing the Pasha is among the disclosures feared and sought to be suppressed.

It is stated that in a recent conversation with Deputy Minister Emperor William exclaimed: "Political parties are more treacherous. I only know two composed of those for me and those against me."

THE BETROTHAL OF PRINCESS MARGARET DENIED. LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Berlin Allgemeine Zeitung states officially that the report of a marriage having been arranged between a Russian Prince and Princess Margaret of Prussia is untrue. The gossip mongers have had a difficult task in trying to strike the right combination for the Princess Margaret. Positive statements having been made both together at one time to a Dutchman and to a Danish and finally to a Russian Prince. The latter rumor has been the only one to elicit a denial from high quarters, whereas some infer that Emperor William resents even a suspicion of any strengthening of the ties between Germany and Russia.

DR. BERGMANN ILL. BERLIN, Dec. 9.—The celebrated physician Dr. Leydon has been suddenly summoned to St. Petersburg to attend the Czar who is suffering with influenza. Dr. Bergmann, the noted laryngologist, who was one of the attendants upon the late Emperor Frederick is quite ill with inflammation of the lungs.

THE EMPEROR AT WORK. BERLIN, Dec. 9.—Emperor William and the Grand Duke of Hesse visited Worms yesterday to witness the festival drama. The Emperor received a most enthusiastic greeting from the citizens and was presented by a delegation of workers with an address and a laurel wreath.

CONSUL VON HEN'S MISSION. BERLIN, Dec. 9.—Consul Vohsen will start for Zanzibar on Monday to arrange the dispute between the Sultan and the German East Africa Company.

A PROPOSED STRIKE. BERLIN, Dec. 9.—A bill has been introduced in the Reichstag proposing to subsidize a line of steamships between Hamburg and African ports.

THE GERMAN POSTAL LIST. For 1900 will show that 979 newspapers are printed in Germany, 2781 of which are printed in thirty other languages and 6975 in German.

THE INFLUENZA STRIKING. LONDON, Dec. 9.—Many cases of influenza have appeared in Berlin and Vienna and it is feared that the St. Petersburg epidemic has spread to those cities.

Portugal. LISBON, Dec. 9.—In an interview yesterday Count D. Lourenco in law of Dom Pedro said of recent events in Brazil: "The Republicans were not numerous. They profited by the estrangement of the large land owners who were bitter against the government because of the immediate abolition of slavery. Many merchants formerly Conservatives were also alienated by the abolition movement. The Republicans industriously spread the idea that the throne was wholly responsible for the hastening of emancipation whereas this action was only the logical consummation of a policy extending back many years, and which had received the support of all classes. Meanwhile the army had become tyrannical and insolent. The only means of checking this dangerous tendency was to re-organize the Republic. The government resolved to create a regiment at Rio. The Republicans, however, about that the government intended to revive it everywhere and to do so the existing forces. The military thereupon decided to revolt under a general, who was a weak man and easily misled. At the beginning the only cry of the military was 'Down with the government. Viva Libertad,' but in the evening the students cried 'Viva Republica and the military joined in.

Regarding the prospect for the restoration of the empire the Count said: "Brazil is too far from Europe for the proper steps to be taken. There is also lacking a man to bring the army around to the side of the empire. Had the Emperor been able to show himself to the crowd in the streets they would have cheered him and the revolution would have collapsed. It is now too late."

TURKEY. MOUSSA BEY EXILED. CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 9.—Moussa Bey, the Kurdish chief, who was acquitted on charges of outraging the Christian population of Armenia, has been exiled with his family to Syria. The force of gendarmes in Armenia will be increased with the purpose of holding the Kurds in check.

THE RAVISHMENT OF MOUSSA BEY. CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 9.—The action

of the Sultan in banishing Moussa Bey after that chieftain had been acquitted according to approved Turkish methods of justice causes much astonishment here. It is hinted that the Porte received strong representations from European governments to the effect that Christianism might demand international interference if the policy of ousting upon Christians maintained by Moussa Bey and enforced by his acquittal there in continued. It is not believed, however, that the actual conditions of the Christians in Armenia will be bettered by the disgrace of Moussa. Outside opinion will be satisfied for the time being, and the outrages will go on under other chiefs unmolested until matters become so bad as to again challenge the attention of the civilized world.

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Chancery Notice.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.  
Macon County.  
In the Circuit Court—To the January Term, A. D. 1890.  
Emily Wilhelm Hackett vs. Edward J. Hackett—In Chancery.

Affidavit of the non-residence in this state of said Edward J. Hackett, the defendant in the above entitled cause, having been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said county, notice is hereby given to the said Edward J. Hackett, that the above named complainant heretofore filed her bill of complaint in said court, on the chancery side thereof, which suit is still pending, and that answers thereto upon issued out of said court against the above named defendant, returnable on the first day of the next January term of said court, to be held at the court house in the city of Decatur, in said county, on the second Monday in the month of January, A. D. 1890.  
Now, unless you, the said Edward J. Hackett, shall be and appear on the first day of said term of said court, and plead, answer or demur to the said bill of complaint, the same will be taken as true, and a decree rendered according to the prayer thereof.  
Dated at Decatur, Illinois, November 23, 1889.  
E. McCLELLAN, Clerk of Circuit Court.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of one execution to me directed and delivered by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Macon county, Illinois, in favor of D. P. Ewin & Company, composed of D. P. Ewin and George W. Cowles, against George W. Cowles, I have levied and sold, upon the following described property, to-wit: upon twelve (12) in Block Two (2) in E. B. Durfee's first Addition to the city of Decatur, taken as property of the said Geo. W. Cowles, which I shall offer at public sale at the west door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in Macon county, in said state, on the 24th day of December, A. D. 1889, at the hour of two o'clock p. m., of said day, for cash in hand, to satisfy said execution. This 20th day of December, A. D. 1889.  
J. H. MAUZY, Sheriff Macon County, Illinois. dec-2-16

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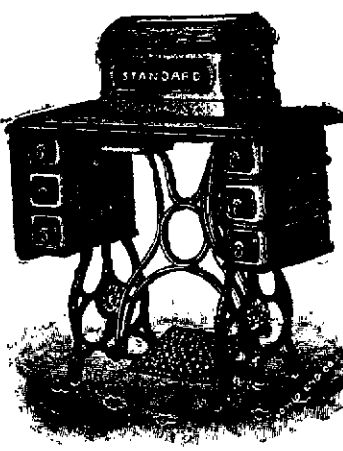
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Nov 2-16

Railroad Time Tables  
In effect November 11, 1889.

WABASH, ST. LOUIS & PACIFIC RAILWAY.  
[NOTE—"From" denotes time of arrival; "To" denotes time of departure.]

FROM ST. LOUIS.		TO ST. LOUIS.	
No. 10 Pass... 9:00 p. m.	No. 9 Pass... 6:30 a. m.	No. 3 Pass... 3:45 a. m.	No. 4 Pass... 11:30 a. m.
No. 4 Pass... 11:30 a. m.	No. 3 Pass... 3:45 a. m.	No. 43 Pass... 4:05 a. m.	No. 42 Pass... 10:15 p. m.
No. 42 Pass... 10:15 p. m.	No. 43 Pass... 4:05 a. m.	No. 5 Pass... 3:00 p. m.	No. 2 Pass... 11:55 p. m.
No. 5 Pass... 3:00 p. m.	No. 2 Pass... 11:55 p. m.	No. 71 Freight... 5:45 a. m.	No. 70 Freight... 5:30 p. m.
FROM QUINCY AND KANSAS CITY.		TO QUINCY AND KANSAS CITY.	
No. 44 Pass... 10:10 a. m.	No. 43 Pass... 4:30 a. m.	No. 45 Pass... 3:30 p. m.	No. 46 Pass... 11:15 a. m.
No. 46 Pass... 11:15 a. m.	No. 45 Pass... 3:30 p. m.	No. 47 Pass... 9:07 p. m.	No. 48 Pass... 11:15 a. m.
No. 48 Pass... 11:15 a. m.	No. 47 Pass... 9:07 p. m.	No. 49 Pass... 6:45 a. m.	No. 50 Pass... 11:15 a. m.
No. 50 Pass... 11:15 a. m.	No. 49 Pass... 6:45 a. m.	No. 51 Freight... 5:30 p. m.	No. 52 Freight... 5:45 a. m.
FROM CHICAGO.		TO CHICAGO.	
No. 3 Pass... 8:35 a. m.	No. 2 Pass... 12:45 a. m.	No. 4 Pass... 6:25 a. m.	No. 5 Pass... 10:20 a. m.
No. 5 Pass... 10:20 a. m.	No. 4 Pass... 6:25 a. m.	No. 6 Pass... 8:50 p. m.	No. 7 Pass... 12:45 a. m.
No. 7 Pass... 12:45 a. m.	No. 6 Pass... 8:50 p. m.	No. 8 Pass... 10:30 a. m.	No. 9 Pass... 12:45 a. m.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILWAY.  
NORTH. SOUTH.  
No. 1 Pass... 7:40 a. m. No. 1 Pass... 5:02 p. m.  
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INDIANAPOLIS, DECATUR & WESTERN.  
ARRIVE. LEAVE.  
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PEORIA, DECATUR & EVANSVILLE.  
NORTH. SOUTH.  
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TERRE HAUTE & PEORIA.  
NORTH. SOUTH.  
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LUNCHES FOR SALESWOMEN.

How Some of the Large Stores Provide for Their Employees.

With no one is the lunch question so important as with the proprietors of the large dry goods stores. The army of clerks must eat, they must eat regularly, and they ought to eat well, in order to be able to stand their fatiguing work. At the same time business must be attended to, for the customers come at all hours, lunch or no lunch. It would be impossible to allow the clerks to go out of the stores for their lunches, because they would lose too much time; they have to be at their posts like the soldier. There is a strict discipline in all large dry goods stores and a certain daily routine, and these are kept up rigidly, and the one who offends would in vain ask for mercy.

Nothing makes a woman more hungry than speaking constantly for a length of time, and if to this is added the fatigue of standing for several hours, it is not to be wondered that the dry goods clerks greet that hour of lunch with rapture. It is the only time during the whole day when they are allowed to put aside their business mask, and take off the harness of their daily toil. Then they are not forewomen, or salesmen or cash girls; they are ordinary human beings who have a right to laugh and talk, to eat and drink without pleasing any one but themselves.

The lunch hour is the only time during the working day they may rest their weary limbs without neglecting their duties. The ordinary lunch time is between 12 and 2 o'clock, but all girls cannot leave their posts at once. They usually go one or two at a time, for it would hardly do to spare more than that number from the same counter. The forewoman who is responsible for the order and discipline in her department sends them according to how they can be spared.

Many of the large dry goods stores have a room off the warehouses where the clerks can take their lunches, and all by themselves, away from the business. A good many of the girls bring their lunches from home; of course, they are cold and consist of sandwiches, cakes, fruit, etc. If they desire something warm they make a cup of tea or coffee, which is easily and quickly done on the gas jets. Usually the friends club together for a little tea or coffee party, and sometimes divide their lunches to procure some variety.

If they have money to spare and feel like eating some dessert they send one of the errand boys to a neighboring baker store for cakes or sweets. Some girls also send for a restaurant lunch and divide one portion in two parts. They can thus get a good lunch for two for twenty-five or thirty cents. But in dry goods stores where the proprietor feels responsible for his employees' welfare he provides a hot lunch for all those of his clerks who desire it.

It mostly consists of soup, tea, coffee, three or four different kinds of meat, vegetables, and bread and butter. The clerks are waited on properly and order what their palates desire and their purses can stand. They are good lunches, well cooked, substantial and very cheap. One or two of these stores are said to serve lunches as good as regular dinners. Ten to fifteen cents pays for a lunch for which the customer of a high priced restaurant would pay from forty to fifty cents. The proprietor makes nothing out of it; it is done solely to accommodate the clerks.

It would be very good if all owners of large dry goods stores would do the same for their employees, for it is weary and fatiguing work to stand, work and talk in a store from 8 o'clock in the morning until 6 in the evening.

—New York News

The Eye as a Power.

"Did you ever try the power of magnetism as expressed through the eye?" asked a friend of mine at the theatre recently. "It's interesting. I've been developing the faculty of late and have great fun over it. Last week as I sat over there on the side aisle of the parquette circle I saw several rows of chairs ahead of me a young lady of my acquaintance. She was sitting so that she would have to turn clear around to look at me, and I thought it a good chance to test my power. I called the attention of my companion to her and said: 'Now watch me make her look around.' Then I concentrated my gaze on the back of her bonnet and my mind on the idea of controlling her action. By and by she began to look around the house rather nervously, glancing everywhere, and then she turned clear around and looked straight into my eyes. I met her afterward and told her about it, and she told me that she didn't know what caused her to do so unusual a thing. Now there's an acquaintance of mine down there in the parquette—that man slouched down in his seat with gray hair and a bald spot—see me make him look around."

My friend knitted his brows and looked at the bald spot intently for five minutes without making it wince. Then he frowned ominously and his gaze grew more piercing. Still no effect. After fifteen minutes of this he gave it up, saying the man never had any mind anyway. At the close of the performance an usher went down and awakened the man with the bald spot. He had been asleep.—Chicago Times.

The Nicaragua Canal.

The Nicaragua canal will be 170 miles long from ocean to ocean. There will be 16 miles of excavation on the east side, 11 1/2 miles on the west, 4 miles for six locks, making a total of 28 miles. Free navigation will be had in the San Juan river for 644 miles, and in lake Nicaragua for 564 miles. There will be no space for vessels to pass each other in opposite directions in all parts except in the rock cuttings. The time of the passage is estimated at 25 hours.

A Drawback.

Admiring Friend (to struggling artist)—That drawing is grand! Is there anything you can't draw?  
Struggling Artist—Yes; my check, and a prize in the lottery.—Epoch.

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Oct. 30-16

Chancery Notice.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.  
Macon County.  
In the Circuit Court—To the January Term, A. D. 1890.

Sylvia Madsen vs. Fanny Madsen—In Chancery.  
Affidavit of the non-residence in this state of said Fanny Madsen, the defendant in the above entitled cause, having been filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of said county, notice is hereby given to the said Fanny Madsen that the above named complainant heretofore filed her bill of complaint in said court, on the chancery side thereof, which suit is still pending, and that answers thereto upon issued out of said court against the above named defendant, returnable on the first day of the next January term of said court, to be held at the court house in the city of Decatur, in said county, on the second Monday in the month of January, A. D. 1890.  
Now, unless you, the said Fanny Madsen, shall be and appear on the first day of said term of said court, and plead, answer or demur to the said bill of complaint, the same will be taken as true, and a decree rendered according to the prayer thereof.  
Dated Decatur, Ill., November 16, 1889.  
E. McCLELLAN, Clerk of Circuit Court.

Chancery Notice

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.  
Macon County.  
In the Circuit Court to the January Term, A. D. 1890.

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Affidavit that the defendant cannot be found having been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Macon County, notice is hereby given to the said James Heriot, that the above named complainant heretofore filed her bill of complaint in said court, on the chancery side thereof, which suit is still pending, and that answers thereto upon issued out of said court against the above named defendant, returnable on the first day of the next January term of said court, to be held at the court house on the second Monday in January, 1890.  
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